Amendment and Response

Applicant: Travis J. Parry Serial No.: 10/086,746 Filed: February 28, 2002 Docket No.: 10012900-1

Title: DEVICE-SPECIFIC FIREWALL

REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 28, 2007, in which claims 1, 5-17, 20, and 21 were rejected.

With this Amendment, claims 13 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice, claims 24-29 have been added, and claims 1, 5-12, 15-17, and 20 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention.

Claims 1, 5-12, 15-17, 20, 21, and 24-29, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 5-17, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Docter et al. US Patent No. 6,330,610.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the printing system includes "a filtering program stored in a memory device or firmware of said printer and associated with said processor so as to control printing of a file by said printing component based on at least one prespecified characteristic from a packet including said file," wherein "if said at least one prespecified characteristic is an undesirable characteristic, processing of said file is terminated," and wherein "if said at least one prespecified characteristic is a desirable characteristic, processing of said file proceeds."

With this Amendment, independent claim 11 has been amended to clarify that the method includes "controlling processing of said at least one file of said printing packet by said printer based on said evaluating, including preventing processing of said at least one file if said at least one prespecified characteristic is an undesirable characteristic, and permitting processing of said at least one file if said at least one prespecified characteristic is a desirable characteristic."

With this Amendment, independent claim 20 has been amended to clarify that the system includes "a filtering program associated with said processor so as to control printing of said at least one file by said printer based on at least one prespecified characteristic from a packet including said at least one file," wherein "printing is prevented if said at least one prespecified characteristic is an undesirable

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characteristic," and wherein "printing is conducted if said at least one prespecified characteristic is a desirable characteristic."

With respect to the Docter patent, Applicant submits that this patent does <u>not</u> teach or suggest a printing system as claimed in independent claim 1, does <u>not</u> teach or suggest a method as claimed in independent claim 11, and does <u>not</u> teach or suggest a system as claimed in independent claim 20.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 20, and the dependent claims depending therefrom, are each patentably distinct from the Docter patent and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 5-17, 20, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1, 5-12, 15-17, 20, 21, and 24-29 be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 5-12, 15-17, 20, 21, and 24-29 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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